

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

<p align="center">MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2014</p> <p align="center">VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: ST ALDHELMS SCHOOL, DOULTING @ 7.30pm</p>			
		Present: Cllrs Ros Wilkins (Chair), Barry Clarke, John Shepherd, Tony Blaker; also in attendance Cllr Gloria Cawood and Alan Butcher (Clerk)	
	1	<u>Apologies for absence.</u> Cllrs Paula Fidge and Ann Crowcombe.	
	2	<u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Two members of the public were in attendance. Mary Newman noted that the footpath from the Wells to the two ponds had been neatly cut. She also queried some markings which had appeared on local roads but no one was sure of their significance.	
	3	<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None	
	4	<u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 14 th August 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.	
	5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Dangerous parking in village hall car park, Cllr Wilkins to arrange meeting with school. This was in hand. b: Speed watch issues: There had been no response to the email. c: Joint meeting with other Parishes to discuss traffic issues suggested by Cllr Ham: awaiting a date for the meeting.	RW
	6	<u>Council Reports:</u> a: Somerset County Council: No report. b: Mendip District Council – The report from Cllr Cawood has been circulated.	

		<p>There was a discussion about restrictions on vehicles from the Lodge Farm development coming through Doultling and also the continuing damage to Kings Road verges due to use by large vehicles and tractors. Correspondance had been received from a parishioner and Cllr Clarke had spoken to highways on the matter but felt it was unlikely that any action would be taken to rectify the situation.</p> <p>An appeal against the refusal of application 2014/0752/FUL. New 2/3 bed dwelling, Farm Road, Doultling BA4 4OG was also noted.</p>	
	<p>7</p>	<p><u>Police Report.</u></p> <p>New beat manager – Lucy Bagnowiec.</p> <p>An email report had been sent as follows:</p> <p>I am the newly appointed Beat Manager for the rural areas of Shepton Mallet so wanted to introduce myself</p> <p>The first thing I need to tell you is that Nikki Housley is off sick and will be off for a good month or so following a nasty fall from her horse.</p> <p>I however been fully appraised by Nikki and wanted to update you on what we have already been doing since in post.</p> <p>In the middle of August Myself, Nikki and Guy (another PCSO) completed hi-visibility reassurance patrols in Doultling</p> <p>Today between 0920 and 1030 hours I have completed speed patrols to ascertain for myself the problem of speeding in Doultling. I can confirm that you do have a problem in the stretch of road outside the school and I will ensure that I conduct speed patrols there for you as much as possible when time allows. The frequency of vehicles is low but the speeds were high.</p> <p>For the first 10 minutes or so I conducted checks on the main A361. Heavy flow of traffic but nobody really caught going over due to people being caught behind slow HGV's and because they probably warn each other of my presence by flashing one another.</p> <p>For the remaining hour I positioned myself down by the little park and caught vehicles coming from Poachers Pocket direction and for vehicles travelling in the 20 MPH area.</p> <p>In total about 20 vehicles were speed checked. Out of those 20 I had to stop 10 of them for speeds between 35 and 42 MPH. They were all dealt with suitably.</p>	

		<p>I am happy for you to use my findings to support you in attempting to get the camera van positioned in the road etc.</p> <p>Like I said in any spare time I will conduct further speed patrols there.</p> <p>So back to me I am passionate about rural areas and look forward to working with you. The best way to contact me is by e-mail or via ringing 101 and asking to be put through to PC 915. I am not always on duty but the call taker can e-mail me a message.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>PC 915 Lucy Bagnowiec</p>	
	8	<p><u>The Glebeland</u> a: Ball games and review of goal posts proposal. It had been suggested that the playwall be marked with the outline of a goal post. b: Replacement signs and budget. Wording of the proposed signs had been passed to councillors for information. Both the above items to be discussed at the next Glebeland meeting in October.</p>	Gl Com
	9	<p><u>Padfield Green:</u> a: Replacement equipment and fencing and funding for same Cllr Wilkins was awaiting information of the school. She had investigated sources of funding and this was on-going. b: Replacement of signs. To be incorporated with the replacement of Glebeland Signs.</p>	RW
	10	<p><u>St Aldhelms Well:</u> Parish Council liabilities. The clerk had spoken to SALC who had advised that action needed to be taken. It was agreed that the clerk should meet with Chris Brown from SM Landscapes to consider possible solutions including replacement fencing.</p>	Clerk
	11	<p><u>Parish Council Matters:</u> a: Website update: In hand with the clerk who had been having problems with his broadband connection. b: Asset register and risk assessment – finalisation of draft documents: The clerk had updated the previous draft and highlighted the amendments which were agreed. The final version to be circulated for adoption at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk

		<p>The location of the proposed filing cabinet for historic records was discussed and a possible location in the village hall suggested.</p> <p>c: Highways matters:</p> <p>i) Doultling Hill footway: this was in hand with highways.</p> <p>d: Footpaths Report. Nothing to report.</p>	
	12	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a: Refusal of Outline permission for 40 homes at Chelynch Road, Doultling.</p> <p>The refusal documents had been circulated. Cllr Cawood noted that the emerging Local Plan now stated that no more 10-12 homes would be permitted in Doultling. She advised that the plan was now forming the basis of future planning decisions with regard to housing numbers and taking precedence over previous policies.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke noted the recent document circulated by Mendip planners giving details of the latest situation with planning and the local plan following the rural forum on 21st July 2014 attended by himself and Cllr Crowcombe on behalf of the Parish Council. He was concerned that there was an apparent discrepancy between what was said at the forum meeting and the document. It was agreed that he should seek clarification from the planners on this matter.</p>	BC
	13	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>a: Bank signatories: Cllr Wilkins to be added – the papers had been lodged with the bank, clerk to confirm that the process has been completed.</p> <p>b: Annual Return. This had been received.</p> <p>c: Audit fee invoice from Grant Thornton - £120. This was agreed and a cheque raised.</p>	Clerk
	14	<p><u>Prestleigh/Waterlip</u></p> <p>a: Bath and West meeting Cllr Fidge had attended a recent meeting but advised that there was, as yet, no date for the consultation.</p> <p>b: Cllr Fidge noted that the fingerpost at the junction of the A371 and B3081 had been removed. Clerk to check on whether this had been removed by highways and for what reason.</p>	Clerk

15	<u>Village Hall, Doultong:</u> Letter to the village hall committee. A draft had been circulated and was agreed. Clerk to send to village hall committee members.	Clerk
16	<u>Beacon Hill Wood Society</u> Mary Newman thanked the Parish Council for the inclusion of the poster about the recent talk on the website. She noted that a walk would be taking place on 14 th September. The question of disabled access was raised by Cllr Shepherd. Mary Newman advised that the society would review the situation.	
17	<u>Correspondence:</u> A Police and Crime Commissioner newsletter was circulated. Correspondence from Kit Alan concerning Kings Road was noted by Cllr Clarke.	
18	<u>Matters of Report</u> None.	
19	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting is on Thursday 9 th October 2014 commencing at 7.30pm at St Aldhelms School, Doultong	

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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